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21) [44802] My Two Cents - also

by "Ian C. Purdie VK2TIP" <ianpurdie@integritynet.com.au>

22) [44803] Re: Unwanted Threads

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23) [44804] delete key

by "Jerry W. O'Dell" <jwodell@ameritech.net>

24) [44805] Restoring Equipment

by Stanley Wilson <microres@crl.com>

25) [44806] Re: coaxial power cord/ohr-400

by "David A. Beach" <dbeach@cancom.net>

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by mikemo@ibm.net

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by "William R. Colbert" <af852@rgfn.epcc.edu>

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by Paul Erickson <paule@sfu.ca>

30) [44811] Test gear @ tuthill

by Niel Skousen <skousen@srv.net>

31) [44812] test of list

by "Pete Meier" <pmeier@tir.com>

32) [44813] R1MVA Dxpedition

by Bruce Ratray <rattray@gpfn.sk.ca>

33) [44814] test#2

by "Pete Meier" <pmeier@tir.com>

34) [44815] Re: Century 21 info

by "Kent, AE4Y" <ae4y@hotmail.com>

35) [44816] Wire / Rope Ant... update

by hamjoel@juno.com

36) [44817] Century 21 help

by "Jerry W. O'Dell" <jwodell@ameritech.net>

37) [44818] Re: F.D. QRP Loop (response to questions)

by S LYON <sslyon@worldnet.att.net>

38) [44819] RAC QRP plaques

by Bruce Ratray <rattray@gpfn.sk.ca>

39) [44820] Question to L.B.: Dipole against a cliff?

by S LYON <sslyon@worldnet.att.net>

40) [44821] Re: Unwanted Threads

by Bob Patten <n4bp@bc.seflin.org>

41) [44822] Re: Unwanted Threads

by N7YA@aol.com

42) [44823] indoor dipole/DXCC...nailed it!!

by N7YA@aol.com

- 43) [44824] Re: Unwanted Threads
by Bob Patten <n4bp@bc.seflin.org>
- 44) [44825] Re: Unwanted Threads
by Bob Patten <n4bp@bc.seflin.org>
- 45) [44826] Century 21 info
by tom whalen <wb5qyt@eFortress.com>
- 46) [44827] RE: HW-8 BC Interference
by Sam Billingsley <SBillingsley@usaninc.com>
- 47) [44828] Re: Test gear @ tuthill
by "Richard Brummer" <obvious@bestweb.net>
- 48) [44829] Battery pouch....surplus
by tom whalen <wb5qyt@eFortress.com>
- 49) [44830] ARCI Homebrew Sprint today!
by Joe Gervais <vole@primenet.com>
- 50) [44831] ARCI Homebrew Sprint: HB = ???
by Joe Gervais <vole@primenet.com>
- 51) [44832] Re: Unwanted Threads
by "Ron Smith" <resmith666@uswest.net>
- 52) [44833] ARCI Web Site Stuff/HB Sprint Info
by Joe Gervais <vole@primenet.com>
- 53) [44834] AL7FS - ARCI Homebrew Sprint
by Jim Larsen AL7FS <al7fs@pobox.alaska.net>
- 54) [44835] qrp calling freq. etc...
by randy cornelison <randyc@tsixroads.com>
- 55) [44836] Re: Question to L.B.: Dipole against a cliff?
by "L. B. Cebik" <cebik@utkx.utcc.utk.edu>
- 56) [44837] HB Sprint and NH
by Ed Lawson <elawson@lr.net>
- 57) [44838] Arci HB sprint 15m activity?
by Paul Erickson <paule@sfu.ca>
- 58) [44839] Re: Question to L.B.: Dipole against a cliff?
by Clay N4AOX <wyn@worldnet.att.net>
- 59) [44840] All Electronics
by Marv Fagenson <k6hcj@juno.com>
- 60) [44841] DK9SQ mast
by Tim <drboom@bright.net>
- 61) [44842] QRP+ for sale/trade
by "Michael Effron" <meffron@eclipse.net>
- 62) [44843] Re: Sorry Everyone, it's fixed... WAS: GPS Down?
by "Mike =?ISO-8859-1?Q?N=D8WDM"?= <michaelbstjames@email.msn.com>
- 63) [44844] Re: ARCI Homebrew Sprint today!
by Joe Gervais <vole@primenet.com>
- 64) [44845] Delete key
by "Ian C. Purdie VK2TIP" <ianpurdie@integritynet.com.au>
- 65) [44846] Re: Homebrew sprint - Just an SWL report
by Joe Gervais <vole@primenet.com>
- 66) [44847] Repost: "Searchin..."
by "Andy GM0NWI" <gm0nwi@tesco.net>

Date: Sat, 10 Jul 1999 18:17:40 -0500
From: "JUNIUS B FOX" <w5hir@ghg.net>
To: <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [44782] Information of Chip
Message-ID: <000c01becb2a\$6a67b900\$04000005@ghg>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Does anyone know of a chip with the designation number 8043. I have tried cross referencing, but can't find one. If you can help, please let me know

regards,

Foxy w5hir@ghg.net

why kill hogs before you cure them ??

Date: Sat, 10 Jul 1999 19:23:20 EDT
From: n5ib@juno.com
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.edu
Subject: [44783] W5KID on the air - QRP makes first HF QSO
Message-ID: <19990710.171504.4775.2.N5IB@juno.com>

Went down to the USS Kidd this morning to help the BRARC club gang get ready for next weekend's Museum Ships on the Air Special Event.

As luck would have it, an AC grounding problem left the QRO rig unusable until a better grounding block is connected. Soooo.....

Tossed about 40 feet of #22 over a crossbar and tied it off to a cleat. (used the slingshot with a wad of modelling clay as a weight) 'Gator clipped it to the end of a piece of coax running down into the aft radar compartment where the DSW40, 38 Special, and ZM-2 tuner resided. Not much 40 m activity so went to 30 m. Heard W8VQ (Len, in Columbus OH) calling CQ and answered him, he came right back with a 559. QRM got us (my rx end) before much more than the exchange of RST's, names, and QTH's.

But..... the signal honor of the first HF QSO using the call W5KID from aboard the USS Kidd goes to W8VQ - and a QRP rig, the 38 Special,

accomplished the mission. Can't wait for next weekend. Will have the DSW40, HW7, 38 Special, maybe a borrowed NC20, and I hope my new DSW20 onboard and their decks cleared for action.

Len WILL get a QSL from us.

72 me hearties, from the Pirate of the Pacific, USS Kidd...
Jim N5IB

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Date: Sat, 10 Jul 1999 16:47:07 -0700
From: Mighty Mik <mitymik@hooked.net>
To: "qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [44784] 'magic' dipoles...
Message-ID: <3787DB04.582BA3E2@hooked.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii; x-mac-type="54455854"; x-mac-creator="4D4F5353"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

usually...anything refered to as 'magic' is something for 6 meters...the 'Magic Band'.

however...if it's a 6 meter dipole..go ahead. ;))

some one earlier mentioned a 6M SSB project...i'm waiting for someone with better chops than i have to kit one. I'd be one of the first to want one.

i'm trying to build a better converter than the 'junkbox' one from QST. I just hear too many locals working stations i can just barely hear. and...I'm looking for definative measurements for a 6M yagi. (one for an insulated boom)

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72/73 de Mick, WD8MNV/6 QRP-L #1673 QRP-C #118 ZOMBIE #441
NC20 SWL40+ ZM-2 DSP-3 rocket scientist and a 6 meter wanna be.
Aeropac #111 Tripoli #3071 Level 2

Date: Sat, 10 Jul 1999 19:46:26 -0400 (EDT)
From: malman@world.std.com (Joel Malman)
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Cc: k1qm@world.std.com
Subject: [44785] Non-QRP: Reduced standards
Message-ID: <199907102346.AA15995@world.std.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
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Folks,

I just read the David Sumner (K1ZZ) "IT SEEMS TO US..." in the August 1999 QST (page 9). And it reminded me of a question I've had for quite a while:

Why is it that "Standards" (for CW and/or written exams) should (or must, or will) be lowered across the board for all license classes?

If the League wants to reduce the number of license classes and/or make it easier for Novice through General (and Advanced) classes to get licenses, why do we need to reduce the CW and written exam standards for the Extra Class license?

"IT SEEMS TO ME" that there should always be a CHALLENGE to the USA amateur in licensing. I think the Extra Class should always remain as a challenge for all USA amateurs.

I'm not saying it should be made harder to attain, but lets not lower the standards on something that is suppose to reflect the best that a USA amateur can achieve.

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/joel K1QM Concord, MA
QRP-L 337, QRP-ARCI 9305

Date: Sun, 11 Jul 1999 00:21:08 GMT
From: kew@teleport.com (Keith)
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [44786] Re: Unwanted Threads
Message-ID: <3787e283.13521242@192.108.254.43>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable
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Hi Bob,=20
I'm sorry to say I disagree with you that the threads=20
will die down. I've been on many email list and once
off topic articles gets started it only gets worse. This is=20
a high traffic list and I hope that this trend will not continue.=20

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Best Regards,

Keith

<http://www.teleport.com/~kew> http://www.teleport.com/~kew/ham_swl_radio/

9th Circuit Judge Fletcher: Then you're not contending that the---our
government's capacity to protect its communications is compromised.
What you're asserting is that what's compromised is your capacity to=20
eavesdrop on others.

On Sat, 10 Jul 1999 19:03:13 EDT, you wrote:

>Date: Sat, 10 Jul 1999 07:45:22 -0400 (EDT)

>From: Bob Patten <n4bp@bc.seflin.org>

>To: QRP-L Reflector <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>

>Subject: [44749] Unwanted Threads

>Message-ID: <Pine.3.89.9907100716.A25320-0100000@bc.seflin.org>

>MIME-Version: 1.0

>Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=3DUS-ASCII

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>The most effective thing any one person can do to prevent perpetuating a=
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>thread that he/she does not approve of is to ignore it. Any comment you=
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>post to QRP-L about that subject, whether positive or negative, will=20

>almost certainly result in its continuation. If you can't contain=20

>yourself, but still want the thread to end, respond privately to the=20

>appropriate person.

>Basically: Ignore it and it'll go away. Same principle to use when=20

>experiencing intentional QRM on the ham bands...

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> 73,

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> , ' ' ' ,

> Bob Patten, N4BP (0 0)

Plantation, FL=20

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> E-Mail: n4bp@bc.seflin.org
> Web Page: <http://wg104a.wh.uni-stuttgart.de/~n4bp>
> Brass Pounder BBS: (954) 472-7715 =20
>

Date: Sat, 10 Jul 1999 20:26:47 +0100
From: David Kritzberg <dkritz@mindspring.com>
To: QRP-L <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [44787] Unsubscribe
Message-ID: <37879E76.7EEE@mindspring.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Going out of US for 2 weeks CUL 73

Date: Sat, 10 Jul 1999 21:32:29 -0400
From: Pete Burbank <plburbank@kih.net>
To: <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [44788] Using el-cheapo radios
Message-ID: <3.0.32.19990710213225.006e2884@kih.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Does anyone have a quick and dirty way to match the Hi Z
antenna (whip) of R-S etc radios?

72/3/87/8

Pete NV4V

Date: Sat, 10 Jul 1999 20:30:42 -0500
From: randy cornelison <randyc@tsixroads.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [44789] Qrp calling freq.
Message-ID: <3787F3C2.CE7AF2C5@tsixroads.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Could someone please give me the qrp calling frequency for 80 meters?

Just got zepp up @ 85 ft.(big Ms.oak tree) cut for 80. Also, what cw contest is going on 20 meters this weekend?
Thanks Randy K5UF

Date: Sat, 10 Jul 1999 21:35:14 EDT
From: K4NK@aol.com
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [44790] Vectronic XCVR
Message-ID: <680c95cf.24b94ed2@aol.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hey Gang;

I got my August QST today and see that Vectronics is listing their QRP XCVR on page 27. I checked their WEB page and did not find it . Does any one know if the rigs are ready to ship or just being advertised ? Looks neat!

72 Les K4NK

Date: Sat, 10 Jul 1999 18:33:38 -0700
From: dave_epps@juno.com
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [44791] ZM-2 Toroid?
Message-ID: <19990710.183339.-23039.1.Dave_epps@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
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Can someone tell me if the toroid used in the swr indicator of the ZM-2 is a FT37-43?

It looks like it is... I am very near the end of my K-2 kit and need this toroid badly .Will borrow the one from the ZM-2 if it is the right one.

tk's dave morro bay, ca.

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Date: Sat, 10 Jul 1999 19:31:33 -0700 (PDT)
From: Jim Hale <kj5tf@yahoo.com>
To: QRP-L <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [44792] QRO contest with milliwatts
Message-ID: <19990711023133.1220.rocketmail@web708.mail.yahoo.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Saturday 10 july some DX is comeing in on 15M. Lots of
yard & garden work too. I wasnt able to chase many of
them, but caught a nice pair of DX contest stns today.

TM0HQ at 20:01z on 21.028 with 65mW. And PA6HQ at
01:56Z (sunday) on 21.030mHz while I was running 33mW.

My QTH near Red Star, Arkansas, rig QRP+ with WM-2 in
line. Antenna 2 ele quad at 70'.

If I have time sunday I'll look for some strong DX
contest stns and see how that goes.

Look for low down milliwatts from me in tomorrows
Homebrew Sprint - listen hard, listen VERY HARD! :)

I'm hopeing 20 and 15M will be good to us.
Jim KJ5TF

Do You Yahoo!?
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Date: Sat, 10 Jul 1999 21:35:10 -0500
From: "Joel Frederick Kluender" <nf9k@eudoramail.com>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [44793] coaxial power cord/ohr-400
Message-ID: <LDBJBNJGLABDDAAA@shared1-mail.whowhere.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Fellow qrp'ers,

I am very close to finishing my OHR-400 which has been progressing at a very slow

rate for the last year and a half due to parenting responsibilities. All three boards are done, and I have begin to put the chassis together.

However I notice that the DC input uses a coaxial power jack which I am not familiar with. Where could I get my hands on the plug which fits in there? Does Radio Shack carry such items?

thanks,
Joel NF9K

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Date: Sat, 10 Jul 1999 21:36:27 -0500
From: Jay Freeman <jayFreem@direcpc.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [44794] Fun & Games with my DK9SQ mast
Message-ID: <3788032B.429B39F2@direcpc.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
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Howdy neighbors,

With the weather being so dosh-garned nice today, I decided I'd actually try out the DK9SQ mast I received this week. If you haven't actually seen one of these things, you've got to see it to believe it. It's like a *giant* fishing pole. The problem, of course, was to get it to stay upright, so I headed off to the local Big R (farm & home type store) to cruise for as yet unspecified hardware. I had some vague ideas of using some sort of pipe driven into the ground, or supported by cross members, or something. They didn't have any pipe big enough, so I bought a 45" long earth anchor, the kind that augers into the ground. I screwed it in about 1/3 of the way, and strapped the mast to it as tightly as I could with velcro tape (the glueless kind used for dressing network cables). It worked.

Now to put an antenna up. I got out the 40m dipole I had used for Field Day, it has one of those fairly heavy center insulators w/SO-239, and is made from 14g solid copper. Only piece of coax I had was a 50' piece of RG-8. I tied a small loop in some dacron rope and slipped it over the tip of the mast a few inches, tied that to the center insulator and started rasing it up. Well, it was just too heavy for that skinny tip. It would just bend over until the rope loop slipped right off. Luckily

it never hit me in the head (who knows, it might have helped). So I ran down to the local Radio Shack and bought an expensive piece of RG-58 and some 22g stranded wire and whipped up a new light dipole. This time I slipped the rope loop all the way down to the second section. Eureka! The tip still arced over quite a bit, but I was able to secure the ends of my inverted vee using some rope and tent pegs. I hooked up the DSW-40 and checked the SWR, I had guessed right and it was flat from 7.000 up to about 7.070. I got a couple of good signal reports from OH and MO.

It looks like this will be a real handy item for portable ops. I'm not sure when I'll get to try it out somewhere other than my yard, but if we get another weekend as nice as this one I'll probably go camping and give it a try. I'd like to hear about other methods you folks have come up with for securing the base, and other antenna schemes you've tried. Has anyone made a "super SLV" using one of these yet?

72 & 73,

Jay - WT9S

Date: Sat, 10 Jul 1999 23:30:23 -0400
From: hamjoel@juno.com
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [44795] Reduced Standards
Message-ID: <19990710.233222.-206629.1.hamjoel@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

High Gang:

first off it's a hobby and the "powers that be" need to manipulate to keep alive... (income)... and do what they think is best for all concerned.

I noticed that when I took things too seriously, (when my licence class was meddled with), I was told to chill out... (by higher class licencees)... and to this day, no one seems to mind my licence class getting meddled with...

I don't see anything sacred with the top class licence... just another amateur test with some extra band priveleges... A step up from advanced... The Top Of The Amateur Ladder...

I do see, or hear, class when I listen on the radio... I think it is in the operating, not in the piece of paper we call a licence... I also think now would be a good time to do our best operating procedures to

encourage others to do the same...

I also think it's a good time to belong to qrp-l as all the things that are "good about ham radio" are going on here... Now is when QRP can spark the imagination, get one interested in learning more... provide the necessary challenge to look more deeply into things that make (their part) of ham radio work...

When a person says "Home brew" or "qrp" (and it works fine)... they get respect... it an't in the licence... never was... Iffin u like cw and are proficient at it, u get respect, got nothing to do with the licence... Iffin ur passion is phone, and u're good at it... u get respect... for what u do, how u act...

In time, things will change again... and till that happens, the EXTRA CLASS licence will still be the goal to shoot for... (if a person wants all the priveleges allowed in ham radio)... and I don't see anyone getting less respect for having an "extra ticket" as it is the highest one can go in ham radio.

PS...

no, I don't see myself going for the extra ticket unless my interests change and then yes... I should pass the test, regardless of where the "standards" are... at least my cajun mom suspects that I would pass on the first try... or forget cajun cooking... :-)

Joel KE1LA

In Maine

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Date: Sat, 10 Jul 1999 20:54:27 -0700 (PDT)
From: Monte Stark <ku7y@dri.edu>
To: Keith <kew@teleport.com>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [44796] Re: Unwanted Threads
Message-ID: <Pine.GS0.4.10.9907102048540.10620-1000000@rotor.dri.edu>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

On Sun, 11 Jul 1999, Keith wrote:

> Hi Bob,
> I'm sorry to say I disagree with you that the threads
> will die down. I've been on many email list and once
> off topic articles gets started it only gets worse. This is

> a high traffic list and I hope that this trend will not continue.
>

Heck, I've been on this list since it started and EVERY time one of the list cops jumps up and starts making noise about something being off topic and how it's just about the end of the world or how they are going to take their ball and go home a strange thing happens.....

A whole new form of "off topic" mail starts....all talking about the good and bad of "off topic"!

This always goes on long after the original "world ending" topic has died out!

I'm sure glad I don't take either myself or life in general too seriously!

Long Live the Delete Key!

Wheeeeeeee,

Ron, KU7Y

Date: Sat, 10 Jul 1999 21:05:46 -0700 (PDT)
From: Monte Stark <ku7y@dri.edu>
To: Joel Malman <malman@world.std.com>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [44797] Re: Non-QRP: Reduced standards
Message-ID: <Pine.GS0.4.10.9907102056210.10620-100000@rotor.dri.edu>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

On Sat, 10 Jul 1999, Joel Malman wrote:

> Folks,
>
> I just read the David Sumner (K1ZZ) "IT SEEMS TO US..." in the August 1999
> QST (page 9). And it reminded me of a question I've had for quite a while:
>
> Why is it that "Standards" (for CW and/or written exams) should (or must,
> or will) be lowered across the board for all license classes?

snip

Hi Joel,

This is happening in all of society, not just our hobby. Just a short time ago Toastmasters "leaders" felt that they needed more ATM's. Their easy cure was to cut the requierments by 30%! (That's when I quit).

It is consistant of the ARRL to once again be behind this push to lower the bar.....in the 45+ years that I have been a ham they have always been leading the "lowering" charge.

There in only ONE place this can all wind up and that is with no test being needed at all. Just get a license and spend your money!

>
> I'm not saying it should be made harder to attain, but lets not lower the
> standards on something that is suppose to reflect the best that a USA
> amateur can achieve.
>

Agree!

But I do fear that you have opened a can of worms that should not be opened here on QRP-L....at least not again!

All flames to <dev@nul.com> :-)

cul,

Ron, KU7Y

Date: Sat, 10 Jul 1999 21:02:17 -0700 (PDT)
From: Stanley Wilson <microres@crl.com>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [44798] Fox Tango International (?)
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.91.990710205952.2516A-100000@crl3.crl.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Does this club or group still exist ? Use to get nice xtal filters from them, but the old telephone number that I have answers with a message that says "this line not valid for incoming calls" but no company name. ?

Anyone know of a good source for after market xtal filters for various mfg ?

thanks de stan

Date: Sat, 10 Jul 1999 21:25:41 -0700 (PDT)
From: Monte Stark <ku7y@dri.edu>
To: Stanley Wilson <microres@crl.com>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [44799] Re: Fox Tango International (?)
Message-ID: <Pine.GS0.4.10.9907102121450.10808-100000@rotor.dri.edu>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Hi Stan,

Yes, they are still doing great. Good people to deal with and I like their filters.

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cul,

Ron, KU7Y

Date: Sun, 11 Jul 1999 00:34:10 EDT
From: KA5HZV@aol.com
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [44800] My Two Cents
Message-ID: <66ef749f.24b978c2@aol.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I won't dwell on the non-QRP-related subject, but the reduction in testing standards is just another step in the "DUMBING DOWN of AMERICA." Look around! No longer are people expected to reach for the stars; just bring the stars to the people. That's why kids graduate from High School and can't read.....Ron

Date: Sat, 10 Jul 1999 23:59:04 -0500
From: guillotstutoring@juno.com
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [44801] How to know if you have been hamming too long, or band width with wit.
Message-ID: <19990710.235905.-578679.0.guillotstutoring@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

If you have your navel pierced for a FT37-43, then you may have been hamming too long.

If you sent your xyl a QSL card for her birthday, then.....

If the machine gun fire in Saving Private Ryan sounds like a CQ, then...

When tapped to teach a novice class and it's been so long since you passed extra exam that you pick Basic Electronics for Dummies, then....

If you need the Cliff Notes in order to understand Basic Electronics for Dummies, then....

If you see you are loosing power during a contest and desperately check the high voltage on the plate of your finals by touching the caps with your finger, then...

If you first lick your finger before touching the caps, then...

If you check with a lawyer to see if using an air variable capacitor to make potato chips is grounds for divorce, then...

If you make a dumb ox (an OXO with a one farad capacitor to pull an 80M crystal to 15M) then...

If you load up your gutters then try to rotate your house, then...

If you think deaf people talk in single side band, then...

If you tried to work all states at the Miss America Pageant, then...

If you put your 20M xcvr in series with your 10M xcvr and try to work 30M, then...

Ed Guillot, N5ED, New Orleans, LA
qrp-l#1951, qrparci#3988, ARRL(life)

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Date: Sun, 11 Jul 1999 15:56:10 +1000
From: "Ian C. Purdie VK2TIP" <ianpurdie@integritynet.com.au>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [44802] My Two Cents - also
Message-ID: <378831FA.E03C850@integritynet.com.au>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

KA5HZV@aol.com wrote:

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> the people. That's why kids graduate from High School and can't read.....Ron

Gee sounds just like Australia!

73's

Ian Purdie

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URL - <http://www.qsl.net/vk2tip/>

"By definition, a government has no conscience. Sometimes it has a
policy, but nothing more". - Albert Camus

Date: Sun, 11 Jul 1999 06:08:48 +0100
From: "Steve Sorrell" <ap036@detroit.freenet.org>
To: <ku7y@dri.edu>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [44803] Re: Unwanted Threads
Message-ID: <00a501becb5b\$76eda1e0\$c742b3c7@sorrells>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Yeah, the delete key is great, Ron, but to keep from wearing the paint off
your delete key, setting filters is even better. They never even hit the
screen. Isn't modern science wonderful? =8>
de Steve, W8SFF

Date: Sun, 11 Jul 1999 07:01:26 -0400
From: "Jerry W. O'Dell" <jwodel@ameritech.net>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [44804] delete key
Message-ID: <19990711110325.AAA6836.mailhost.det.ameritech.net@default>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

I am rather amused by those who recommend the use of the delete key, to protect the rights of idiots.

Trust me, not only is the "Del" gone from my delete key, but I'm down to whatever is below it. Most lists are 95% fluff and 5% good stuff, in my view.

73 jerry w8gnd

Date: Sun, 11 Jul 1999 05:43:29 -0700 (PDT)
From: Stanley Wilson <microres@crl.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [44805] Restoring Equipment
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.91.990711052707.28634A-100000@crl.crl.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Do not see much on the list about anyone restoring some of the older gear. Over the past 30 years there has been some really nice equipment developed that can be restored to better than new condition. And with a few of the sets one could add some modern technology and have something equal or better that you could purchase for \$1000 plus.

Normally the caps need to be replaced. If they have those "black plastic CDE" bypass (.01 to .22 values) you should replace even if they look like new. You can still find tubes on the web and most at reasonable prices. Some transistors are little harder to find, but available if you really try.

Crystal filters, IF cans, variable caps, etc.. normally do not go bad unless the equipment was improperly stored. You can still get a copy of most manuals from a couple of sources. I have used vintage manuals.

Have to be careful with the dials. Soap and water only is best rule. Most chemical cleaners will remove the lettering.

You can usually find a junker for a parts source. I restored a S-38, because that was my first receiver. Took me awhile and three junkers, but I now have a 10 in electrical condx and 8 to a 9 in physically condx.

I have a R-390A and they are superior receivers. You can restore one to mint condx from web sources. The receiver will cost you from \$50 to \$400 depending on condx and the manual will cost another \$40. A video tape is available to even show you how to restore it for another \$100.

You end up with a receiver that cost new over \$3000 in the 50's.

One of the best receivers to own is a Drake R4C with the Sherwood mods installed. You can still locate all of the parts you need to do so.

I do not recommed restoring for your first rig, but if you really want to learn how something works their isn't a better way. Takes you a while to locate all of the parts you may need but the web is great help in that regard.

Sometimes something looks bad due to dirt and grime.

Something to consider.

de Stan AK0B

Date: Sun, 11 Jul 1999 09:16:25 -0400
From: "David A. Beach" <dbeach@cancom.net>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [44806] Re: coaxial power cord/ohr-400
Message-ID: <103020900b3ae47cdf8f2@[209.205.47.198]>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

>I am very close to finishing my OHR-400 which has been progressing at a
>very slow rate for the
>last year and a half due to parenting responsibilities. All three boards
>are done, and I have begin
>to put the chassis together.

>

>However I notice that the DC input uses a coaxial power jack which I am
>not familiar with.

>Where could I get my hands on the plug which fits in there? Does Radio
>Shack carry such items?

I have some OHR units and they all use a 5.5mm O.D. x 2.5mm O.D. barrel connector. In Canada, these are available in Radio Shack. Mouser, I believe, is/was the supplier the nice prefab wires with molded barrel connectors that normally came with the kits (where's yours!?).

Hope this helps.

David Beach
VE3STI

Date: Sun, 11 Jul 1999 14:34:13 GMT
From: Ed Lawson <elawson@lr.net>
To: nf9k@eudoramail.com
Cc: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <grp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [44807] Re: coaxial power cord/ohr-400
Message-ID: <19990711.14341300@work1.grizzly.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable
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>>>>>>>>>>>>>> Original Message <<<<<<<<<<<<<<

On 7/10/99, 9:35:10 PM, "Joel Frederick Kluender" <nf9k@eudoramail.com> =
wrote regarding coaxial power cord/ohr-400:

> However I notice that the DC input uses a coaxial power jack which I=20
am not familiar with. Where could I get my hands on the plug which fits =
in there? Does Radio Shack carry such items?

It should be a standard 5.5 OD 2.5 ID plug which you can buy at Radio=20 Shack.
At least that is what is on my OHR 400. Once you have it running, you=20 will wish you had built it sooner I bet.

Ed Lawson
K1VP

Date: Sun, 11 Jul 1999 09:37:26 -0400

From: mikemo@ibm.net
To: qrp1 <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [44808] The first meeting of WESTFLA
Message-ID: <37889E16.5B518D9A@ibm.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
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This past Saturday was the first meeting of the new WESTFLA qrp club. We had 16 people attend, which exceeded our expectations! Most everyone brought something to show.

Our meeting was held at the clubhouse of TARC (Tampa amateur radio club). It is a wonderful facility! The main room is open and large, with lots of tables and chairs. It has all the amenities, air conditioning (a must in FLA), bathrooms, a kitchen, and permanent antennas! There is lots of room outside and lots of big trees for antenna "play". TARC was established over 50 years ago, I think the year I saw was 1932 (please correct me if I'm wrong). Our thanks to them for the generous and continued use of their facilities.

The meeting went off without a hitch. Several of us arrived early to clean up and prepare for the meeting. There was no opening, no minutes, no closing. We had lot's of cool stuff to see and talk about. There was a completed K2 and a K2 build in progress. I got a chance to look at the K2 manual and it is a work of art. There were many different types of rigs there, an SW40+, and OHR400, an Norcal40A, a 38 special, and many others. There was a collection of keys, a bunch of homebrew stuff, and Donuts! We had one member bring test equipment to show, and it was used to tune up the BFO of another members NC20. There were several nice door prizes given away, donated by members and other clubs (thanks to the St. Louis club and ARCI!).

Our next meeting will be on August 14th. We will have a 38 special kit as a door prize, plus some other neat stuff. We will have several different RF generators on display, as well as work in progress on a DDS RF generator. There should also be a MOSFET amplifier design and another regen to play with. We are also going to try to do a little more operating. Keep an eye on our web page for updates at <http://www/qs1.net/westfla>
Steve Cohen had his digital camera there so we should have pictures up on the web site shortly.

Just to clear up any confusion, the club name is WESTFLA, not the Tampa Bay QRP club. We have already been asked if we will have any club kits available. All I can say is that it is being discussed but we are far from decided on what to do. Come to the next meeting and discuss this

with us.

That's all for now. I'll let everyone know when the pictures are up.

72 de ku4qo

Mike Maiorana, Palm Harbor, FL

Date: Wed, 07 Jul 1999 00:47:09 -0600
From: "William R. Colbert" <af852@rgfn.epcc.edu>
To: randyc@tsixroads.com, qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [44809] Re: Qrp calling freq.
Message-ID: <3782F7ED.45035C2A@rgfn.epcc.edu>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Randy, I did not see where you got an answer, maybe direct only, but since I get digest only, thought I would answer anyway. The contest is the IARU dx context, 30 and 18 sound pretty good, and no contest activity there. The normal calling freq on 80 is 3.560 plus or minus traffic nets, some use around 3.535 (MI QRP group), I have seen some mention if 3.540 as a possibility. For N/T 3.710, 3.686.4 (Carolina group- and others) and 3.579 which also has activity from the boatanchor crowd - hope that antenna works well for you and it should. I remember when I first started in the swamps of S. Georgia with the 100 ft pine trees and the old Windom (single wire feed) up about 80 ft - worked all I could hear. Don't forget, the 80 dipole should be a great antenna for 30 as well.

73

Ray

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"Politicians are like nappies. Both should be changed regularly -- and for the same reason"
"Scotsman - Scotsman's Diary 12/97"

Ray Colbert, W5XE, OOTC 3618, SOWP 1064M NCT2
(also w5xe@juno.com El Paso, (FAR WEST) TEXAS

Date: Sun, 11 Jul 1999 07:17:46 -0700 (PDT)
From: Paul Erickson <paule@sfu.ca>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu (qrp), qrp-canada@lists.gpfn.sk.ca (qrp-canada)

Subject: [44810] IARU 99 - VE7CQK S0/CW only/QRP - Summary (fwd)
Message-ID: <199907111417.HAA15195@fraser.sfu.ca>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
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IARU 1999 SUMMARY SHEET

Contest Date : 11-Jul-99

Callsign Used : VE7CQK
Operator : VE7CQK

Category : S0/CW only/qrp

Default Exchange : 599 2

Name : Paul Erickson
Address : 3371 W.31st Ave.
City/State/Zip : Vancouver, B.C. V5S 1X6
Country : Canada

BAND	Raw QSOs	Valid QSOs	Points	Mults	Zones
40CW	25	25	67	3	5
20CW	68	68	224	10	10
15CW	15	15	55	1	6
Totals	108	108	346	14	21

Final Score = 12110 points.

Soapbox Comments

Only had a little while to play, but had fun. Thanks to all those golden ears out there, that heard my 5 watts. A special thanks to those who took the time to dig me out.

I have observed all competition rules as well as all regulations established for amateur radio in my country. My report is correct and true to the best of my knowledge. I agree to be bound by the decisions of the Awards Committee.

Date __99/07/11____ Signed __Paul_Erickson_____ Call __VE7CQK__

Date: Sun, 11 Jul 1999 08:26:29 -0600
From: Niel Skousen <skousen@srv.net>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [44811] Test gear @ tuthill
Message-ID: <v04003a03b3ad9e3e61be@[12.7.221.98]>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

I will be bringing some test gear with me (NOT for sale ;-) to Tuthill. Will have scope and service monitor (IFR-1500) if you need to test something or check and MDS or two...

Niel

Niel Skousen : WA7SSA skousen@srv.net
Idaho Falls, ID QRP-L.119 fr DN33wm

Date: Sun, 11 Jul 1999 11:13:20 -0400
From: "Pete Meier" <pmeier@tir.com>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [44812] test of list
Message-ID: <199907111514.LAA17196@eachan.tir.com>
Mime-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit
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Sorry for use of the bandwidth. Need to determine if I can post to list.

Pete

Date: Sun, 11 Jul 1999 09:23:18 -0600 (CST)
From: Bruce Rattray <rattray@gpfn.sk.ca>
To: QRP-Canada <qrp-canada@lists.gpfn.sk.ca>, Low Power Group <qrp-l@LeHigh.EDU>
Subject: [44813] R1MVA Dxpedition
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.3.95.990711092004.5808A-100000@neale.gpfn.sk.ca>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Just worked R1MVA Dxpedition at 1518Z on 14.195 simplex....he is 55
here....I used 5 watts SSB...took a few calls to get through...qsl via
OH2BR....good luck....

..72/73 - Bruce (VE5RC+VE5QRP) QRP-C#1 QRP-L#886 ARCI#9683 Zombie#272
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S4S-4Z2, Canada-AR Stamp Collector- "QRP! How sweet it is!"

Date: Sun, 11 Jul 1999 11:46:47 -0400
From: "Pete Meier" <pmeier@tir.com>
To: "QRP-L" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [44814] test#2
Message-ID: <199907111547.LAA26251@franz.tir.com>
Mime-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Sorry, testing posting.

Pete WK8S

Date: Sun, 11 Jul 1999 12:05:45 EDT
From: "Kent, AE4Y" <ae4y@hotmail.com>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [44815] Re: Century 21 info
Message-ID: <19990711160545.53878.qmail@hotmail.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; format=flowed

I operated a Century 21 some 20 years ago from an apartment QTH using indoor dipoles (band changing by way of alligator clips.) I used the rig for about two years working 80 or so countries. I liked the rig quite a bit, especially the full break-in. Not much there in terms of filters and such, but it was a solid performing CW rig.

Kent, AE4Y

QRP ARCI #4175 QRP-L #1844
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>From: tom whalen <wb5qyt@eFortress.com>
>Reply-To: wb5qyt@eFortress.com
>To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
>Subject: Century 21 info
>Date: Sat, 10 Jul 1999 14:44:26 -0600
>
>Qrp Bro's!
>
>I'm about to get a FREE Century 21 from a ham that hates cw!(hard to
>believe eh?) Does anyone out there have any comments about this rig, pro
>or cons welcome.
>
>72, Tom WB5QYT..."Have spud will travel!"

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Date: Sun, 11 Jul 1999 12:01:52 -0400
From: hamjoel@juno.com
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [44816] Wire / Rope Ant... update
Message-ID: <19990711.120600.-277683.1.hamjoel@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi gang:

well, there has been a few wind storms since I put the stabilizing bar on the two element forty meter yagi and it's still sitting there like it's supposed to...I like this much better...

Oh I worked a J69DS on 40 ssb last nite... got a 55... that's St Lucia island in the carribian... not a kilo mile per watt at 5 watts... but a good contact... this wire beam is doing its thing...

Joel KE1LA
In Maine

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Date: Sun, 11 Jul 1999 12:29:49 -0400
From: "Jerry W. O'Dell" <jwodell@ameritech.net>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [44817] Century 21 help
Message-ID: <19990711163148.BUL12741.mailhost.det.ameritech.net@default>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

This is _almost_ qrp -- I run my Century 21 at about 20 watts.

Anyone know how to align the thing? I know what the manual says, but I spent all morning tweaking the two little slugs, and I just can't hit the specs. If it right at the left end, it's 30 khz off at the other end. Ditto the other way. Fraid I'll break those little slugs.

To save bandwidth, please email me at jwodell@ameritech.net.

Thanks

73 jerry w8gnd

Date: Sun, 11 Jul 1999 11:53:19 -0400
From: S LYON <sslyon@worldnet.att.net>
To: dbm@klis.com

Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [44818] Re: F.D. QRP Loop (response to questions)
Message-ID: <3788BDEF.D0F328DC@worldnet.att.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
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Ooops! -must have forgotten to put in the circumference -about 600 feet.
Feed point was on the highest side, about 80' up. WHAT A SCREAMER!
It's hard to compare performance with the old 1500' job in CT, Dave, but
having "walked the perimeter" of that one with me back then, you
wouldn't have wanted to do that hilly quarter-mile on smoking-hot Field
Day this year!

To those who've asked if it was a vertical loop... if you have a way to
support one -let us know a.s.a.p.!!

72

-s-

Dave Marling wrote:

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>
> > Here's the poop on the loop used for Field Day by the CANDLEWOOD
>
> What's the circumference, Seab? Was it as large as the CT one?
>
> And Nova Scotia is still FB!
>
> Dave
> VE1VQ

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'Seab' Lyon - AA1MY
Beacon NY USA FN-31
QRP-L 574 ARCI 9253

Date: Sun, 11 Jul 1999 10:36:28 -0600 (CST)
From: Bruce Rattray <rattray@gpfn.sk.ca>
To: QRP-Canada <qrp-canada@lists.gpfn.sk.ca>, Low Power Group <qrp-l@LeHigh.EDU>
Cc: ve3xk@rac.ca, Ken Oelke <ve6afo@rac.ca>
Subject: [44819] RAC QRP plaques
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.3.95.990711102708.11514A-1000000@neale.gpfn.sk.ca>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Well here's the latest on sponsoring the QRP category in the RAC contests...thanks to John, VE3JC, QRP-Canada has an opportunity to sponsor BOTH contests for 5 years...John has been in touch with Doug Leach, VE3XK, who is looking after the sponsorships....John initially suggested that we sponsor both for 2 & 1/2 years thus giving us time to get things (money) in place for the following 2 & 1/2 years....RAC declined this because they are set up for periods of 5 years....fair enough....Doug then suggested that we consider doing both for 5 years and paying through an installment arrangement....I have no problem with this....I would like to hear from everyone who has offered to help with this project, and anyone who would like to help, as to what you think of this idea?...

..72/73 - Bruce (VE5RC+VE5QRP) QRP-C#1 QRP-L#886 ARCI#9683 Zombie#272
A-1 Operator Club - 10/10# 944 - 128 Durham Drive, Regina, SK.,
S4S-4Z2, Canada-AR Stamp Collector- "QRP! How sweet it is!"

Date: Sun, 11 Jul 1999 12:18:38 -0400

From: S LYON <sslyon@worldnet.att.net>

To: qrp chat <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [44820] Question to L.B.: Dipole against a cliff?

Message-ID: <3788C3DE.BF53F8C3@worldnet.att.net>

MIME-Version: 1.0

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Greetings L.B. and other interested parties. I've tried to imagine this but intuition fails me. There is a fairly nice cliff at about 400' elevation over local terrain, within reach here in the Hudson River Canyon and I could pester you a bit more for your thoughts on the following:

- 1.) what would happen if I hung a dipole, or Sterba Curtain just off the surface of the cliff?
- 2.) how's 'bout a parasitic array?
- 3.) am I better off just stringing it between supports at the top?

Of course it's probably prudent to include a disclaimer here so that anyone taking a dive off a cliff attempting to do this doesn't come after me as the instigator... so this is an hypothetical discussion ONLY!

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'Seab' Lyon - AA1MY
Beacon NY USA FN-31
QRP-L 574 ARCI 9253

Date: Sun, 11 Jul 1999 12:38:47 -0400 (EDT)
From: Bob Patten <n4bp@bc.seflin.org>
To: Keith <kew@teleport.com>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [44821] Re: Unwanted Threads
Message-ID: <Pine.3.89.9907111256.C13242-01000000@bc.seflin.org>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

On Sun, 11 Jul 1999, Keith wrote:

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>
> I'm sorry to say I disagree with you that the threads
> will die down. I've been on many email list and once
> off topic articles gets started it only gets worse. This is
> a high traffic list and I hope that this trend will not continue.
>
I've just started a thread with the usual pros and cons!  :- ) :- )
And I'm pertuating it!  :- )  How did I know that there would be this many
responses to my off-topic message?
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73,

Bob Patten, N4BP (0 0) Plantation, FL
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Web Page: <http://wg104a.wh.uni-stuttgart.de/~n4bp>
Brass Pounder BBS: (954) 472-7715

Date: Sun, 11 Jul 1999 13:07:17 EDT
From: N7YA@aol.com
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [44822] Re: Unwanted Threads
Message-ID: <749352f.24ba2945@aol.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
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In a message dated 7/11/99 9:51:30 AM Pacific Daylight Time,
n4bp@bc.seflin.org writes:

<< I've just started a thread with the usual pros and cons! :-) :-)
And I'm pertuating it! :-) How did I know that there would be this many
responses to my off-topic message?

>>

Now if only i can get this kind of a response to my CQ's. :-)

73...Adam, N7YA

Date: Sun, 11 Jul 1999 13:31:03 EDT
From: N7YA@aol.com
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [44823] indoor dipole/DXCC...nailed it!!
Message-ID: <11306a5.24ba2ed7@aol.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
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Thanks to all the encouraging words, it appears that i only needed one...due
to a miscount of my totals. if my JD1AMA/Ogasawara qso holds up, that will
put me at 102 after working 2 new ones yesterday, and R1MVA the other night.
this is the one thing that i have been chasing after for years. due to very
limited set-up, it has taken me this long....but i did it!!

Most of the contacts were made with either 5w/sloper outside, 5w/inverted L
(indoor), and 35 w/indoor dipole, horizontal loop or horizontal U. all CW.

When i resumed my DXCC search i was using the MFJ qrp rigs for 20 and 40
and would recommend them to all! i traded them for a little more kick and
full break-in of the Century 21. prior to moving stateside (and having to
start all over), I had only 77 countries while in Alaska, but i had big
outdoor antennas....so im very jazzed about finally reaching my goal!

Now comes the hunt for 200....and all the paperwork, which is a whole
different story. I will see you on the Honor Roll someday.

73...Adam, N7YA

Date: Sun, 11 Jul 1999 13:32:15 -0400 (EDT)
From: Bob Patten <n4bp@bc.seflin.org>
To: Ron Smith <resmith666@uswest.net>
Cc: QRP-L Reflector <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [44824] Re: Unwanted Threads

Message-ID: <Pine.3.89.9907111347.F21229-0100000@bc.seflin.org>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

On Sun, 11 Jul 1999, Ron Smith wrote:

>
> > I've just started a thread with the usual pros and cons! :-) :-)
>
> LOL With over 2700 people on the list, how could you not believe that these
> hams could pass up the opportunity? :-) After all, opinions are like belly
> buttons - everybody has one. LOL
>
It was actually a demonstration for my wife to show how easy it is to
start a thread, and on something with absolutely no merit! :-)
Gotta keep it going, so I'll CC this to the list. :-)

73,

Bob Patten, N4BP (0 0) Plantation, FL
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Date: Sun, 11 Jul 1999 13:33:38 -0400 (EDT)
From: Bob Patten <n4bp@bc.seflin.org>
To: N7YA@aol.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [44825] Re: Unwanted Threads
Message-ID: <Pine.3.89.9907111334.G21229-0100000@bc.seflin.org>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

On Sun, 11 Jul 1999 N7YA@aol.com wrote:

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> And I'm pertuating it! :-) How did I know that there would be this many
> responses to my off-topic message?
> >>
> Now if only i can get this kind of a response to my CQ's. :-)
>
So you're saying that this was sort of a "Virtual CQ"? :-)

73,

Bob Patten, N4BP (0 0) Plantation, FL
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Date: Sun, 11 Jul 1999 10:45:20 -0600
From: tom whalen <wb5qyt@eFortress.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [44826] Century 21 info
Message-ID: <3788CA20.7C6F@eFortress.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

QRPer's!

Thanks to all for the info sent concerning the above. I will post and let you all know if it works! Sometimes you have to wonder about "freebies".

Best 72, Tom WB5QYT..."Have spud will travel!"

Date: Sun, 11 Jul 1999 13:44:05 -0400
From: Sam Billingsley <SBillingsley@usaninc.com>
To: "Qrp1_Submit (E-mail)" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [44827] RE: HW-8 BC Interference
Message-ID: <21E06269B00ED111BE9B00805F6D0FA39CF892@MAILSERVER1>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain

Randy I like you have had BCI on all my HW gear and my PIXIE. The PIXIE as you know has a very simple transistor mixer with almost zero filtering. I was picking up local AM broadcast, So. America broadcast and a variety of religious broadcast stations. They were all over the spectrum. The spectrum around 40 mtrs has signals above S9+50dB at my location.

I tried some simple antenna filters including antenna tuner and parallel traps they helped but the problem wouldn't completely go away.

I finally built a front-end multi-notch filter that took care of the problem from above and below the 40 mtr band and helped my get 12 states worked on 40 mtrs with the PIXIE at less than 150 mW. MY station antenna is a 120 ft longwire so I'm sure that aggravated the problem. Even my HW-9 had some local BCI with this antenna.

Look at my PIXIE solution at
<http://ae4gx.home.mindspring.com/pixiefilter.jpg>

Now this is a three notch solution specifically for my location (you can see the frequencies being notched below the schematic). I have built the single and double notch filters also and they can solve a less severe problem. If it's just local AM broadcast then a handbook hi-pass filter will do the trick.

BTW I modeled these filters with the ARRL Radio Designer Software before building them. This saved quite a bit of time in trail and error with winding toroids and soldering iron.

>>>>>snip>>>>>

Have some BC interference on my HW-8. Anyone out there have this problem or know of a fix? Any help would be appreciated!

72/73,

Randy Jouett, AB5NI

Date: Sun, 11 Jul 1999 13:41:52 -0400
From: "Richard Brummer" <obvious@bestweb.net>
To: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [44828] Re: Test gear @ tuthill
Message-ID: <006d01becbc4\$a9f09f20\$0605b3d8@default>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Man, Ft. Tuthill just keeps getting better and better !

Good idea, Niel.

73,
Dick K2REB

Date: Sun, 11 Jul 1999 10:56:15 -0600
From: tom whalen <wb5qyt@eFortress.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [44829] Battery pouch....surplus
Message-ID: <3788CCAF.32BB@eFortress.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

QRPer's!

I forget who(maybe KU7Y?) came up with the idea of using an army surplus ammo pouch to put your batteries in. Yesterday I went to the surplus store here in town and found a nice belt pouch, very heavy duty canvas type. It holds one of those 8- D cell units perfect. Also, it holds my 4amphr gel cell almost perfectly, but not both at the same time....Too heavy then anyway.

So, whomever came up with the initial idea.....THANKS!

72, Tom WB5QYT..."Have spud will travel!"

Date: Sun, 11 Jul 1999 10:48:36 -0700 (MST)
From: Joe Gervais <vole@primenet.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Cc: vole@primenet.com
Subject: [44830] ARCI Homebrew Sprint today!
Message-ID: <199907111748.KAA25369@usr04.primenet.com>

Howdy Folks,

Had to extend my trip, sorry I wasn't able to get this out sooner. ARCI Summer HB Sprint is today! Rules appended below. Don't forget to try those higher bands - ya never

know!

Cheers de AB7TT,

-Joe, vole@primenet.com, ARCI Contest Critter-At-Large

"If it ain't fun, you ain't doin' it right!" -The AZ ScQRPions

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2000-2400Z July 11, CW HF only. Work station once per band.

Categories:

- All-band, Single band, High bands, Low bands, Multi-Op, DX.

Exchange: RST, SPC and ARCI number (non-members send power).

QSO Points:

- Member = 5 pts.
- Non-member different continent = 4 pts.
- Non-member same continent = 2 pts.

Multipliers:

- SPC total for all bands. SPC's count once per band.
- Power: >5W = X1, 1-5W = X7, 250mW-1W = X10, <250mW = X15

Bonus Points for HB Gear (per Band):

- +2,000 pts for using HB xmtr.
- +3,000 pts for using HB rcvr.
- +5,000 pts for using HB xcvr.

Final Score:

- QSO points X total SPCs X Power Multi + Bonus Points.

Entries must include copy of log and summary sheet, callsign(s) of op(s), QTH, power out, and station description.

Send entries within 30 days of contest date to Joe Gervais AB7TT (ATTN: HB Sprint), PO Box 322, Peoria, AZ 85380-0322, or email ASCII-text entries to <vole@primenet.com>.

All decisions of the Contest Critter are final. Unless you have pizza to offer, in which case I'm always listening. ;-)

Date: Sun, 11 Jul 1999 10:52:41 -0700 (MST)
From: Joe Gervais <vole@primenet.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Cc: n0rc@arrl.net, vole@primenet.com
Subject: [44831] ARCI Homebrew Sprint: HB = ???
Message-ID: <199907111752.KAA25492@usr04.primenet.com>

Howdy again Rod (and Folks),

Rod (N0RC) wrote:

>

> Do rigs built from kits count as homebrew?

Yep, if solder, duct tape or chewing gum was used to put that rig together, it's considered HB for the contest. :-)

Cheers de AB7TT,

-Joe, vole@primenet.com, ARCI Contest Critter-At-Large

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Date: Sun, 11 Jul 1999 11:53:49 -0600
From: "Ron Smith" <resmith666@uswest.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Cc: <n4bp@bc.seflin.org>
Subject: [44832] Re: Unwanted Threads
Message-ID: <00d001becbc6\$612488e0\$0200000a@ron1>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
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> It was actually a demonstration for my wife to show how easy it is to
> start a thread, and on something with absolutely no merit! :-)
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Well it apparently worked. LOL After all, isn't this what makes us hams unique to the rest of the world? We can talk on ANY topic for sometimes hours, days, weeks, or months and cover both the pros and cons, educational value, and heck, even draw up a schematic on what we are talking about. :-)

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Date: Sun, 11 Jul 1999 11:00:45 -0700 (MST)
From: Joe Gervais <vole@primenet.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [44833] ARCI Web Site Stuff/HB Sprint Info
Message-ID: <199907111800.LAA25761@usr04.primenet.com>

Yep, me again.

Links to the Summer HB Sprint info can also be found through the following pages. Happy surfing!

<<http://www.qrparci.org/arcipg2.htm>>
<<http://www.qrparci.org/sumhom.htm>>
<<http://www.qrparci.org/arcitest.html>>

Time to start unpacking and chasing bugs (the programming kind....). Hope to shake loose and get some air time (FINALLY!) today with you folks!

Cheers de AB7TT,

-Joe, vole@primenet.com, ARCI Contest Critter-At-Large

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Date: Sun, 11 Jul 1999 10:30:14 -0800
From: Jim Larsen AL7FS <al7fs@pobox.alaska.net>
To: "qrp-1@lehigh.edu" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [44834] AL7FS - ARCI Homebrew Sprint
Message-ID: <3788E2B6.E9A5F59B@pobox.alaska.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
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I expect to be operating during the contest if conditions will cooperate. I will be running the OHR Spirit on 20 mtrs at 2.9 watts output to the OHR WM-2 wattmeter. I will be running into the KLM KT34A at 40 feet.

So once again, if you are running beam, feel free to point it towards Alaska from time to time. At QRP levels it gets real hard to work stations with beams if we are not aligned.

I checked out <http://www.dxl.com/solar/> so I am not particularly hopeful but I have to give it a try today. Maybe KB7MBI can keep me from getting skunked. :-)

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73, Jim Larsen, AL7FS <http://www.qsl.net/al7fs/>
Anchorage, Alaska
<mailto:al7fs@qsl.net>
ICQ 11022915

Date: Sun, 11 Jul 1999 13:26:19 -0500
From: randy cornelison <randyc@tsixroads.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [44835] qrp calling freq. etc...
Message-ID: <3788E1CB.63C4FBD1@tsixroads.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
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Thanks for all of the responses I received on the above. Thanks for your time.
Randy K5UF

Date: Sun, 11 Jul 1999 14:34:45 -0400 (EDT)
From: "L. B. Cebik" <cebik@utkux.utcc.utk.edu>
To: S LYON <sslyon@worldnet.att.net>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [44836] Re: Question to L.B.: Dipole against a cliff?
Message-ID: <Pine.GSO.4.10.9907111422020.5982-100000@moe.cas.utk.edu>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Seab,

There are no guarantees with cliffs, especially if we do not know what is in the other direction. There are some propagation programs that will provide partial answer if you import some basic model data outputs and hand enter topographical data. One of the presentations at FIDM did a very nice demonstration of the results, which backed up his operating experiences--and the proceedings have some references to the software he used.

In principle, you might get an enhancement of the signal using the cliff face as an additional reflection surface. However, if your antenna already has a reflector, the enhancement might not be much. And the distances would have to be just right.

On top of the cliff, you might get either a good signal all way round or you might experience some heightening of the radiation angle from reflections down deep below the cliff top. All depends on the angles and distances involved, vs. the frequency.

The net result is that terrain analysis, except for the standard flat surface presumed by NEC programs, has enough variables in it that generalizations tend not to work very well. Only a detailed analysis via software set up to take painstaking entry of map data will yield anything like reasonably accurate results. If that prospect is not enticing, then putting up an antenna and seeing what happens, band by band, is the alternative. (In any such tests, one night's work on HF does not give usable experiential results. I tend to recommend about 6 months of use so that experience can average itself out into reasonable expectations. Having another antenna to use as a comparator also helps.)

I suspect that eventually there will be terrain-sensitive propagation software that will have automated terrain data entry from the ever-increasing data base of such data taken from all sources. I am sure that some exists now, but none of us can afford it. But someday, we shall be able to download data for relevant Fresnel zones for each band and simply move antennas (and their heights) around until we discover the most perfect location. Since Murphy rules, it will always be in the neighbor's yard.

I hope this is useful.

-73-

LB, W4RNL

Date: Sun, 11 Jul 1999 19:40:02 GMT
From: Ed Lawson <elawson@lr.net>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [44837] HB Sprint and NH
Message-ID: <19990711.19400200@work1.grizzly.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable
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Just a note to anyone needing NH with QRP.
I should be on 40M and 20M for the Sprint.
At least two hours at the start.

Hope to hear and work you all.

Ed lawson

Date: Sun, 11 Jul 1999 12:26:35 -0700 (PDT)
From: Paul Erickson <paule@sfu.ca>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu (qrp), qrp-canada@lists.gpfn.sk.ca (qrp-canada)
Subject: [44838] Arci HB sprint 15m activity?
Message-ID: <199907111926.MAA11629@fraser.sfu.ca>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
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Anyone going to be on 15meters? I will be trying out my
GM15... hoping for a first qso. Had one going with a fellow
if Fremont Ca, but the qsb wiped us out.

If you hear me, please give a shout.

cheers, Paul VE7CQK/email: paule@sfu.ca

Date: Sun, 11 Jul 1999 16:11:43 -0400
From: Clay N4AOX <wyn@worldnet.att.net>
To: sslyon@worldnet.att.net
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [44839] Re: Question to L.B.: Dipole against a cliff?
Message-ID: <3788FA7F.7C73@worldnet.att.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
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Hi S Lyon,

It would help if you gave us the coordinates of the site so we could check our topo-maps, do some ray tracing, etc. Also it would help if we had the frequencies you were planning on launching from atop the cliff site. If the cliff is in a river bend and the canyon opens for several miles in a straight run then there could be some interesting directivity, horizontal as well as vertical. A parasitic array situated where one can steer the main lobe is usually an improvement in practically any application.

72/73,
Clay N4AOX

Date: Sun, 11 Jul 1999 14:40:21 -0700
From: Marv Fagenson <k6hcyj@juno.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.edu
Subject: [44840] All Electronics
Message-ID: <19990711.144024.3686.0.k6hcyj@juno.com>

in Van Nuys, CA, All Electronics has at least 7 older Tektronix scopes for \$35. Untested/no probes/manuals. They all have appropriate plug ins. Some are dual trace. I will list

the models I saw: 661, 581,547 536 and 524. Some are in rough condx, i.e. need to be cleaned up but all seemed to be complete so far as knobs, controls, plug ins, etc.

Who knows? This may be XMAS in JULY.

I was there on Sat. 7/10/99 so I don't know of availability on the date you read this.

Here's the phone # 818-997-1806. The kids there won't be able to tell you if they work or any of the important stuff. Just if they are still in stock.

Our friend Deane Kidd in WA could probably supply you w/ a manual. There is a Tek book out that rates these old boat anchors. The name escapes me, tho.

glad to help

Marv Fagenson

k6hcj@Juno.com

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Date: Sun, 11 Jul 1999 22:45:43 -0400

From: Tim <drboom@bright.net>

To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [44841] DK9SQ mast

Message-ID: <378956D6.BB0DD720@bright.net>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

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Jay,

I used my DK9SQ mast over field day weekend, I made a base by welding a 3/8 rod 12" long to the bottom of a pipe cap, the size that allowed the base of the mast to fit into it. I believe it was a 2" pipe and cap, and I did have to trim the outer edge of the mast so that it would fit into the 12" tall pipe that screwed into the cap & rod assembly which I had driven into the ground.

This held the mast vertical well enough for me to attach a hose clamp with 3 strong lines tied evenly around it and tent pegs used as anchors, these served as guy lines which I put about 5 foot up the mast.

This held the mast very well the entire field day weekend. When I was finished I put the tent pegs and hose clamp right in with the mast in its carrying case, unscrewed the pipe from the cap and rod assembly and stored that in the same location as the mast...

Just my idea of getting by.

72/73

Tim NM8Y

Date: Sun, 11 Jul 1999 18:08:38 +0000
From: "Michael Effron" <meffron@eclipse.net>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [44842] QRP+ for sale/trade
Message-ID: <199907112208.SAA05141@mail.eclipse.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
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For sale or trade:

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Late factory model (10/95).
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Very good cdx.
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Contact Mike Effron, KA2PQY
Daytime 609-694-6014, 8am - 5pm EDT

Michael Effron
meffron@eclipse.net
ARS KA2PQY

Date: Sun, 11 Jul 1999 17:33:47 -0500
From: "Mike =?ISO-8859-1?Q?N=D8WDM"?= <michaelbstjames@email.msn.com>
To: <prvalko@oakland.edu>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [44843] Re: Sorry Everyone, it's fixed... WAS: GPS Down?
Message-ID: <019a01becbed\$7277e3e0\$333d0b3f@default>

I am so glad to hear of someone finally stepping up to the plate and accepting responsibility for their actions. While he should have been more careful (I hear he runs with scissors!), Congratulations to Paul for admitting his mistake. and getting the GPS system back on track. Mike in Minnesota

-----Original Message-----

From: Paul R. Valko <prvalko@oakland.edu>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Date: Friday, July 09, 1999 8:29 AM
Subject: Sorry Everyone, it's fixed... WAS: GPS Down?

>

>I had to move my NC-40a from on top of a pile of old

>Sorry for any inconvenience.

>

>73! =paul= W8KC

>Collector of Ten*Tecs and other fine plastics

><<http://www.acs.oakland.edu/~prvalko>>

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>On Thu, 8 Jul 1999, Rod Cerkoney wrote:

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>> Just tried my GPS III. Got a lock on 4, 16, 18, 22 & 25. QTH Fort Collins,

>> CO.

>> Took quite a while though.

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>> 72/3 Rod, NØRC

>> da di dah

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>> ----- Original Message -----

>> From: Richard Arland <k7sz@epix.net>

>> To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

>> Sent: Thursday, July 08, 1999 9:36 PM

>> Subject: GPS Down?

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>> > For the last two days I have not been able to get my Garmin 38 GPS

>> > receiver to lock onto any GPS satellites. KA3QPQ has the same problem

>> > with his Magellan unit.

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>> > Something wrong with GPS?
>> >
>> > RHA K7SZ
>> >
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Date: Sun, 11 Jul 1999 15:39:47 -0700 (MST)
From: Joe Gervais <vole@primenet.com>
To: cdhamel@pdq.net (Charles Hamel)
Cc: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [44844] Re: ARCI Homebrew Sprint today!
Message-ID: <199907112239.PAA17900@usr02.primenet.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Howdy Charles (and Folks),

> Bear with me, I'm new at this!! operating times are 2000-2400 zulu time.
> How do I convert that to central time??

Well it translates to 1PM-5PM west coast time,
so hopefully that helps.

> Also what do I call CQ, CQ, CQ, ARCI Homebrew Sprint????

"CQ TEST CQ QRP TEST" is a good generic way
to call for any QRP contest. Or you can try
"CQ HB TEST", etc. Anything that attracts QRPers
will do fine. :)

> Im not a member of ARCI so I will exchange my RST's, State and power
> correct??

Yep!

> oops thats 3 questions, oh well thanks for your time!!

No problem! 1.5 hours to go and I'm still stuck at the console. ARGH!

Cheers de AB7TT,

-Joe, vole@primenet.com, ARCI Contest Critter-At-Large

"If it ain't fun, you ain't doin' it right!" -The AZ ScQRPions

Date: Mon, 12 Jul 1999 08:41:17 +1000
From: "Ian C. Purdie VK2TIP" <ianpurdie@integritynet.com.au>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [44845] Delete key
Message-ID: <37891D8D.FADC6988@integritynet.com.au>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

"Jerry W. O'Dell" wrote:

> Trust me, not only is the "Del" gone from my delete
> key, but I'm down to whatever is below it. Most
> lists are 95% fluff and 5% good stuff, in my view.

Sorry Jerry I just can not agree as far as this list is concerned because in nearly six months (not in any particular order) I have:

- (a) had my knowledge expanded enormously.
- (b) had my horizons broadened.
- (c) had a lot of belly laughs - we have some natural comedians to lighten us up.
- (d) received a hell of a lot of genuine assistance

and most important of all made a lot of very fine friends.

Agreed a lot of it isn't strictly QRP but my delete key isn't worn out. My problem is filing into categories for later reference.

Folks you're gems

73's

Ian Purdie
VK2TIP "I'll give you the TIP mate"
Budgewoi N.S.W. Australia
Tel: 61 + 2 + 4399 3228 (2200 - 0800 U.T.C. please.)
QRP-L member #1978.
URL - <http://www.integritynet.com.au/~purdic/>
URL - <http://www.qsl.net/vk2tip/>
"Three out of five Web experts agree that frames are the work of the devil and represent all that is evil about the Web. The remaining two experts are agnostic and think that frames are just a stupid idea" -

Date: Sun, 11 Jul 1999 15:44:15 -0700 (MST)
From: Joe Gervais <vole@primenet.com>
To: tara@info-niigata.or.jp (Kohei Nishiyama)
Cc: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [44846] Re: Homebrew sprint - Just an SWL report
Message-ID: <199907112244.PAA18048@usr02.primenet.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

(forwarding this to QRP-L too...)

Howdy Kohei-san,

Kohei (JR0BAQ) wrote:

>
> Now operating for ARCI Homebrew sprint. A few stations
> can be heard by my NC20. N?7DX, K7QF and K5ZTY, called
> but not answered.
>
> Mmmm... It's time to start to get ready for my job...
> Monday morning here.

Sorry condx weren't better for you, but thanks very much for trying. At least we know 20M was trying to open up across the PacRim. Maybe this last hour will give some openings.

Hope your workday goes well, and definitely hope we can swap some RF once our work schedules quiet down.

Take care and happy QRP!

Cheers de AB7TT,

-Joe, vole@primenet.com, ARCI Contest Critter-At-Large

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Date: Sun, 11 Jul 1999 23:53:58 +0100
From: "Andy GM0NWI" <gm0nwi@tesco.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [44847] Repost: "Searchin..."
Message-ID: <02bf01becbf0\$437e68e0\$b7458cd4@andy>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

-----Original Message-----

From: Andy GM0NWI <gm0nwi@tesco.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Date: 03 July 1999 01:18
Subject: Repost: "Searchin..."

>Hi y'all....

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>This is the story...

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>Some time back, I posted here, and on the UK/Europe list a "plea"
>for help, regarding the possibility of anyone outhere, havin' ANY info
>whatsoever, pics, mods, articles etc... on the "qrp gem's" the Heathkit
>HW 7, 8 and 9 respectivley, transceivers...

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>I could not have anticipated the overwhelming response to the "plea",
>from all corners of the globe... what a wonderful family we "qrp'ers"
>are... This for me was more overwelming than you can possibly imagine,
>as by nature of Spina Bifida, I am confined to a wheelchair for mobility,
>and thus find it etremely hard to get to the "bargains.." that seem to come
>around in the qrp fraternity.... This being the reason back then for
askin'

>for my fellow qrp'ers help and wisdom on this matter...

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>This brings me to the present day, and the reason as to why I am again
>askin' for help regarding this "plea".....
>
>I have again changed OS system's and as in the past I have found it at the
>time difficult to get the the local computer emporium, as now is the case
>at
>present, I have lost a great deal of my software due to the fact of not
>being
>able to back it up at the time of changing OS...
>
>I am at the mercy of the guy's who in my area find the time to help me out
>with
>any computer problems I encounter, this has a tendency to make things
>happen
>in a hap-hazard kinda way.....
>
>What I would like to ask of the guys on the list here in the UK and Europe
>and also
>of those in the US and Canada etc, is, that if you could find it in your
>hearts and if
>you have the time, if there is ANY info regarding mods, pics, articles or
>ANYTHING
>else you can come up with or allready know about regarding this series of
>rigs,
>PLEASE can you find the time to post me the relevent info....
>
>For anyone who might want to send anything via mail I am QTHR, in any
>callbook
>since 1990, at this address and would love to receive something from you...
>
>I do realise that this is a BIG request AND a repeat request, possibly NOT
>the done
>thing here on the list, so I must apologise for any wasted "Bandwidth" that
>I have caused
>in the course of writing this "plea" to you...
>
>I have in the past been totally "blown away" with the genuine generosity,
>and help from the
>people here on the lists so thought that you would'nt mind my repeating
>this
>request as there
>doesn't seem to be any problems with that in general...
>
>LASTLY if Mike WA8MCQ is readin' this could you please possssibly send me
>your articles/info
>reagarding the changing etc of the torroids (i think..) for the HW8, yeah
>Mike...!! you did send them

>a while back too my friend but there gone also, promise to print out ALL
>info received this time.....
>
>Thanks guy's for bein' so patient and understandin' in this one, it will
>again be a MASSIVE help to me
>in collecting this info second time around...
>
>Have a good one, take it easy
>
>Your fellow QRP'er
>
>Andy GM0NWI "Long Live QRP!!"
>gm0nwi@tesco.net
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End of QRP-L Digest 1515

